

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 111

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ken Maness upon receiving the Lifetime Member Award from the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Ken Maness, who was recently honored with the Lifetime Member Award from the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Maness is a longtime Kingsport resident, a business executive, and a civic leader who has made an enormous contribution to the Kingsport Chamber and community; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, Mr. Maness, presently a Kingsport alderman, is highly respected in his community for his exceptional work as the former Southeast President of Citadel Communications Corporation and former President and CEO of the Bloomington Broadcasting Corporation; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kingsport, Mr. Maness graduated from East Tennessee State University and the NAB Executive Development Program at Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maness has enjoyed a long and successful career in broadcasting, beginning as the General Manager for WKIN 1320 AM in 1972; he accepted the post of General Manager of WDOD of Chattanooga in 1980, and then became President and General Manager of Tri-Cities Radio Group in 1981; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure in broadcasting, Ken Maness has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, while making great strides in broadcasting, Mr. Maness also found the time to become actively involved in the civic affairs of his community, serving as Kingsport's Vice Mayor from 1997 to 1999 and serving as an alderman from 1991 to 1999 before his recent reappointment to the Kingsport BMA; he has also served as past President of both the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, in the realm of civic accomplishments, Mr. Maness is most noted for his instrumental role in the creation and building of the MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center and for helping to launch Kingsport Tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, he lends his time and remarkable talents to a number of professional organizations, including the Associated Press Broadcasters, for which he served as President; the Associated Press Corporate Board; the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters Board of Directors, for which he served as President; the National Association of Broadcasters; and the Bank of Tennessee Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maness also rendered sterling service as a member of the Board of Directors for the East Tennessee State University Foundation, the past President of the Greater Tri-Cities Business Alliance, and the inaugural Chairman of Kingsport Tomorrow; he has also dedicated his time and energies to the Boy Scouts of America's Sequoyah Council, the Nature Conservancy of Tennessee Board of Trustees, and the Tri-Cities Regional Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Maness is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Judy, and their two daughters, Brittany and Brooke; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devout member of First Baptist Church in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, Ken Maness's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, as well as his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maness is an extremely giving person who reaches out with compassion to all people, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ken Maness is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ken Maness for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon his reception of the Lifetime Member Award from the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce, and extend to him our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.